UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA STATESVILLE DIVISION 5:19-cv-00049-MR

MATTHEW JAMES GRIFFIN,)
Plaintiff,))
vs.)) <u>ORDER</u>
FNU HOLLAR, et al.,))
Defendants.))

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Plaintiff's "Motion to Substitute Defendant William N. Johnson in Place of Unknown Doe #18." [Doc. 39]

On November 26, 2019, the Court ordered that this action, brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, survived initial review. [Doc. 10]. In his Complaint, Plaintiff named as Defendants FNU Hollar, Marilyn Gamewell, and Doe Defendants #1-20. [Doc. 1]. Since passing initial review, Plaintiff has substituted the true identities of Doe Defendants #1-11. [Doc. 14]. Plaintiff now moves to substitute William N. Johnson in place of Doe Defendant #18, as Plaintiff has identified this Defendant "from a document in a different case." [Doc. 39 at 2].

The Court will, therefore, grant the Plaintiff's motion and instruct the Clerk to substitute William N. Johnson in place of Doe Defendant #18.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion [Doc. 39] is GRANTED. The Clerk is respectfully instructed to substitute William N. Johnson for Doe Defendant #18 in the docket in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall direct the U.S. Marshal to effectuate service on Defendant William N. Johnson with the summons filed by Plaintiff at Docket No. 39-1 in this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: July 8, 2020

Martin Reidinger

Chief United States District Judge